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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 21, 2004, applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-4, 9-13 and 18, without traverse. Accordingly, please cancel claims 5-8 and 14-17, without prejudice. A listing of claims is as follows: